

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the sentence beginning at line 6 on page 3 as shown below.

Such bridges are described for example in co-assigned U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/055,590, filed August 12, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,039,569, and exemplified by the FIBREKOR<sup>®</sup> system for making dental bridges commercially available from Jeneric/Pentron Inc., Wallingford, Connecticut.

Please amend the carryover sentence beginning at line 9 on page 12 as shown below.

However, depending on the end use of the composite material, the fibers may also be otherwise oriented, for example woven, at various angles between 0 and 90° to the longitudinal fibers.

Please amend the sentence beginning at line 22 on page 15 as shown below.

Some of the aforementioned fibrous materials are disclosed in commonly assigned copending U.S. Patent Application Nos. 08/907,177 (now abandoned), 09/059,492 (now abandoned), 60/055,590 (now issued as 6,039,569), 08/951,414 (now issued as 6,013,694), and U.S. Patent Nos. 4,717,341 and 4,894,012 all of which are incorporated by reference herein.